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certos dies et loca quod vos vel aliqui tres aut Plures Vestrum quorum aliquem Vestrum nos Presatis Nathanielem Bacon Nicholaum Spencer Robertum Smith Willielmum Cole Philipum Ludwell et Johannem Custis unum esse volumus eis scire faceritis veniere faciatis coram Vobis vel aliquibus tribus aut Pluribus vestrum ut predictum est, tot et tales probos et legalis homines de Ballivis suistam infra Libertates quam in fra per quos rei veritas in premissiis melius sciri Poterit et inquire; In cujus rei Testimonium has Litteras nostras fieri fecimus Patentes, Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium decimo tertio die Octobus Anno Regni nostri Primo.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

MISCELLANEOUS COLONIAL DOCUMENTS.

FROM THE ORIGINALS IN THE VIRGINIA STATE ARCHIVES.

(CONTINUED.)

WRIT FOR ELECTION OF MEMBER OF CONVENTION,
DECEMBER 6, 1775.

Edmund Pendleton Esq'r president of the General Convention of Virginia, To the Sherif of the County of York, or if there be none such or he shall refuse to act To the Clerk of the Committee of said County.

Pursuant to ordinance & resolution of Convention, you are hereby required to summon the freeholders of your County, & them only, to meet at the Court house at such time as you shall appoint for that purpose, not under ten days or above twenty, then & there to elect one fit & able person to represent them in General Convention during the absence of Thomas Nelson Esq'r their Delegate, and that you make known to the person so selected, that he repair as soon as conveniently he can, to the General

Convention now sitting in the College in the City of Williamsburg; there to consult of such things as may be for the safety & well being of this Dominion; when you are to return this precept, with an account of your proceedings thereon. Given under my hand & seal at Williamsburg this 6th of December, 1775.

EDM'D PENDLETON.

By Virtue of the within Order to me directed I have caused the Freeholders to meet at the Courthouse of the County of York which they did on Monday the 18th of this Instant when Hugh Nelson Esq. was duly elected Delegate for this County to act in the Convention during the absence of Thomas Nelson Esq'r.

WILL: RUSSELL, Cl. Com'e.

[Endorsed]

Warrant & Return for Election, 6th Dec'r 1775.

ADVERTISEMENT BY THE AGENT OF THE TRANSYLVANIA
COMPANY.

Advertisement 1st of December 1775.

Being an Agent for the Company Proprietors of Transylvania and at Bonnsborough, where I shall give my attendance from now until the middle of April next to receive Entries, make out Warrants of Survey, and pass Deeds to all such Persons as shall make application for Lands within the said Colony and Comply with the Terms proposed for granting such Lands &c.

I therefore give this public Notice, that it is expected all such Persons as may have entitled themselves to Lands on the Terms proposed, to such as came last Spring, made Corn &c. will make immediate application for Warrants of Survey; whose respective Lands will be Survey'd as speedily as possible and Deeds granted on the Terms first proposed.

And to all those as may have made Entries not entitled as aforesaid, and while the present Terms were unknown, that it is now necessary they immediately apply for Warrants of Survey, which will be granted on the present Terms, and Surveyors directed to lay off the same and Deeds granted as abovesaid.

N. B. The present Terms are as follows, to wit, For Entry and Warrant of Survey two Dollars; for Surveying (not more than Six hundred and forty Acres in a Tract) making out Plots &c. four Doliars; for passing Deeds, Counterparts &c. two Dollars, and Fifty Shillings Sterling P'r hundred Acres for all contained within said Deeds.

It will be considered that all such Persons with whom no particular Agreement is made, as shall omit to apply to me between this and the first of March next for Warrants of Survey pursuant to their several Entries heretofore made, and for which no Money has been paid, have relinquished their respective Claims, and the Lands will be granted to such as shall apply for the same.

JNO. WILLIAMS, Agt. &c.

[Endorsed]

Williams's advertisement.

INSTRUCTIONS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY COMMITTEE TO THEIR
DELEGATES IN CONVENTION, 1775.

To Geo. Mason & Cha's Broadwater Esq'rs.

Alexandria, 9th Decem. 1775.

Gentlemen

When ministerial tools are employing every wicked Machination to accomplish their unjust Purposes, 'tis high time every virtuous Citizen Sho'd be on the Watch guarding those Liberties, which the Tyrants have mark'd out for Destruction; Actuated by these Motives and wishing to contribute to the Protection of this Colony & the common Cause, We the Committee of Correspondence for the County of Fairfax beg leave to present to you our Representatives in Gen'l Convention w'th a few such Observations as We think may be usefull at this Period of imminent Danger.

By late accounts from the Southward it appears that Lord Dunmore is daily increasing in Force and Garrison. We hoped that the two Regiments of Regulars wou'd e'er this have cir-

cumscrib'd his Career and prevented his insulting this Colony in Proclamations & Plunder; it seems he still continues to pester us, and numbers on the Minute Establishment are call'd into actual Service. Shou'd there still be a Necessity for augmenting the Army, for the more effectual Defence of this Colony; We wou'd recommend the raising of Regulars for the Purpose; daily Experience convinces, that the Minute System is very inadequate to the Design; wherever the Colony is expos'd and vulnerable, there We wou'd recommend Regular Forces to be station'd: an Arrangement might be made so as to contribute alternately to each others Assistance on the Shortest Notice of an Attack. We wou'd likewise advise, your promoting the fitting out a few Vessells of War, to protect the Bay & Rivers, from Lord Dunmore's Pirates, We beg leave to assure you, such Vessells are attainable, can be man'd and equipp'd.

We also request that you will encourage, some effectual Plan for supplying the Colony with Arms & Ammunition, as We do apprehend the calling a Number of Men to the lower Parts of the Colony, unaccounted is incurring an Expence to little purpose & exhibiting to the World the Shadow of an Army.

The Ordnance for arming the Militia We think ineffectual & dependent on a Contingency, We wish not to happen, *the Default of the People*. The Sword is drawn, the Bayonet is all-ready at our Breasts, therefore some immediate Effort is necessary to ward off the meditated Blow, let the County Lieutenants be supply'd with Arms from the Armory at Fredericksburg, or have Liberty to buy them any where at the Country's Expence, and the Fines go into the common Fund. It seems that a considerable Force hath been employ'd to guard the little Money in the Treasury; let us observe that an interior Part of the Colony seems best calculated for preserving the public Money & Military Stores, there, less liable to Depradition, consequently, an inconsiderable Guard necessary. Be pleas'd to acquaint the Convention, that there are at Winchester, fourteen Cannon, at Crissaps two, at Fort Cumberland six in good order and belonging to the Colony, these might be useful on Navigation, at their present Situations not wanted, the Committee of Safety have been wrote to on this Subject, but no answer given to the Letter.

From the present System adopted by those at the Head of Affairs, it wou'd appear that the upper parts of the Colony were to be left destitute of Defence, and totally neglected. Companies on the Minute Service call'd out of the Northern District e'er those in the Southern one, more contiguous to the Place of Action have repair'd to it. Why is this part of the Country to be left unguarded? when it appears not only from the public Papers, but Lord Dunmore's Assignation with *Conoly* that Alexanderia was to be their place of rendezvous in the Month of April next, a place well known to the Officers who were out on Gen'l Braddock's Expedition, a safe Harbour for Ships of War & commanding a most material part of the Colony.

If We are to be govern'd by a Council of Safety, We do recommend, that you give your Voice for a full and equitable Representation, as the only means to unite us & produce the most salutary Effects; to sum up the whole of our requests, We beg you will use your utmost Endeavours, that Men may be rais'd on the regular Establishment, & Vessells armed both to be stationed at such Places as will contribute to the Safety of the Colony at large, that you be not sparing in the raising of Money for the good of the Colony, but be cautious in the distribution of it, for be the Taxes in future what they may We shall cheerfully retrench every other Luxury to secure that of being free, and are with much Regard & Esteem

Gentlemen

Your ob't h'ble Serv'ts,

JOHN DALTON,
JOHN MUIR,
JAMES KIRK,
RICH'D CONWAY,
WM. RAMSAY,
JOHN CARLYLE,
GEO. GILPIN.

[Endorsed]

Fairfax Instructions, ref'd to Com'ee on State of the Colony.
Dec. 9th, 1775.

PETITION OF INHABITANTS OF FREDERICK COUNTY AND
OTHERS TO THE WESTWARD OF THE BLUE RIDGE.¹

The Humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Frederick & others residing to the Westward of the blue Ridge of Mountains, humbly sheweth,

That your Petitioners have from their Situation & Connections been deeply interested, as well in calamities of the late Indian War, as in the transactions & business necessarily consequent thereupon, by actual Service in that Campaign, by supplies of Waggon, horses, arms, Provisions &c. &c. for the Public Use, which your Petitioners most cheerfully contributed in Consideration of the imminent danger to which they & their Brethren were exposed, and even without the sanction of legislative Authority, without a shilling paid down to them for their services & property, and indeed under the greatest discouragement & uncertainty of ever being re-imbursed at all the Expences they were at, beg leave Now to lay their grievances before their Representatives, the Hon'ble Convention, the only Constitutional Body, to which they can now appeal for Redress. And in the first place Your Petitioners entreat Permission to observe, that the Gentlemen who by Your Hon'ble House were appointed to the adjustment of the Expences and accounts incurred & created by the late aforesaid Expedition, being utterly unacquainted with the Customs & Manners of the Inhabitants of this Wilderness, with the Values & rates for which grain, live stock, Flour, Meal, and other articles wanting to an Army are there usually sold for & held at, as also with the Expence of Waggonage, packing, & other modes of Conveyance, over this

¹After "Dunmore's War" commissioners were appointed to adjust all claims against the Colony for services or supplies. It is probable that from the beginning of the world few people dealing with a government ever thought they were properly paid, but in this case there seems to have been something in the petitioners' claim, for when this petition was presented to the Convention on December 20, 1775, it was referred to a committee (composed of ten men from Western or Piedmont counties and two from Henrico) who reported favorably. The Convention confirmed this report and appointed John Harvie and Joseph Nevill, both living beyond the Blue Ridge, to adjust and revise these claims.

rugged, difficult & mountainous country, have in the settlement of the Accounts of Your Petitioners & their Brethren committed numberless Errors & mistakes. To the amount as your Petitioners conceive of many thousands of Pounds, and as they very well know & feel, to their great loss & grievance, and which adds not a little to the Weight thereof, this as your Petitioners are informed is called saving of Money to the Country.

A Particular & distinct Enumeration of these, your Petitioners cannot now descend to, as indeed their name is legion & are many in Number, And being but just now informed of the speedy Meeting of Your Honourable body, A few instances however, your Petitioners will hint at, being such as are capable of the fullest Proof and are as follows, Viz't—a total disregard to valuations of sundry articles made by People of Probity & honour, disinterested & upon Oath;—an Allowance for grain at near two thirds less than their nearest Neighbours intreated them to accept for it;—For Flour at an under rate, for Waggonage less than they could have rec'd nearer home, & in a leveller Country; To Soldiers, who were constituted by their superior officers, Serjeants, & served as such the whole Campaign; only private Centinels Pay;—And in short of their laying hold of every the slightest Pretence, either for making deductions from or for taking from your Petitioners, their just demands.

These among numberless mistakes, omissions & impositions, your Petitioners have selected, to the end that, You the constitutional Representatives & Guardians of the Rights of the good People of this Colony, may in part form a Judgment how arbitrarily & grievously they have been dealt with, and fall upon such Measures for their relief, as to Your Wisdom shall appear most expedient, And your Petitioners farther Prayer, is that as many of them have already engaged in actual Service for the defence of their liberties, & others will probably be in advance for Supplies to the Military, so as that, at some future day, they must again of Course have accounts to adjust & settle with the Colony,—that the arbitration thereof may be entrusted to any other hands than to those who were lately appointed by Your honourable house; as should it be imagined that any of the Concerns of your Petitioners & those of their Fellow Sufferers, who cannot for want of Time, join in this humble address, were

again to fall under the Cognizance, & be determined upon by the aforesaid Commissioners, & especially Mr. Richard Lee, Mr. Henry Lee, & Mr. Josias Clapham, Your Petitioners are most assuredly convinced, that the greatest damp, and discouragement as indeed too true it is, has heretofore been the Case, would thereby be thrown on the Cause of liberty in their quarter of the Colony.

And Y'r Pet'rs shall ever pray,

Peter Helphinstine	John Rullet
Morgan Alexander	Henry Mace
Edmund Taylor	William Hardy
Mountjoy Bayly	Alex. Keith
William Borry	Len. Johnston
Seth Botts	Leisley Laciny
Hanson Parey	James Duffey
D. Yeagan	James Gassaway
Rolant Laws	Moses Johnson
Adam Boyer	Solomon Bushop
Antoney Green	Peter Caling
Geo. Livingstone	John Taylor
John Hadet	William Nicholas
Thos. Valentine	John Corking
John Williams	John Barber
Wm. Darvel	John Yeam
Samuel Glasgow	Philip Ragen
Michael Monnahan	Thomas Hull
John Edge	James Linvey
John Manneller	Anthony Carney
James Jackson	Sam'l Rodman
Joseph Drinker	Jacob Folford
John Stewart	Samuel Midelton
Marquis Calmes	Thomas Simmons
James Brown	Richard Davice
John Gassaway	George Jump
Richard Partridge	Philip Helphinstine
Charles Wood	And'w Waggener
Frank Halpiny	William Holiday
Chas. Love	Ed. Snickers.
Henry Anderson	

In Justice to Messrs. Blackburn & Peyton, I think it a Duty Incumbent upon me to say, that as far as I was Capable of Judging they shewed a disposition to do strict Justice as well to the Public as Individuals.

JAMES WOOD.

LETTER FROM CARY MITCHELL¹ TO CARY SELDEN, 1775.

Directed to

Colo. Cary Selden, At Hampton.

Norfolk 23d November 1775.

Dear Sir

I received your favour of the 19th which much surprized me to find the little Sloop stopt that I sent down on Faith of the Committee having granted me leave to remove my Effects and she was by my direction to Mrs. Mitchell to receive on board such as were ready to be removed tho I fully intended to have come down in her but I had possitive orders to the contrary and as I suppose the reason of her being stop'd is that Thos. Hepburne is part Owner of her who I imagine is looked upon as a Tory I must inform you he will be able to reinstate himself in the Value of her by with holding the payment of some Country Duties which he stands indebted for but set acide this I hope when the Gentlemen came to reflect on the circumstances attending this Vessel with regard to the errand she was sent upon being on the Faith of their own determinations with regard to me that they will give her up as I could as well have sent some of the Kings Tenders down and saved myself the expence which I waved entirely as I know it would be obnoxious and Mrs. Mitchell had received directions from some of the Gentlemen of the Committee that any Vessel would be allowed to bring away my things but the Tenders as to the Hhd. of Old Spirits which they have stopt had it been new Rum which I imagine would have answered the purpose it's wanted for better they should have been exceedingly welcome to but must say I should be glad the Honour and Faith which Mrs. Mitchell placed

¹Cary Mitchell had been Collector at Hampton and had been charged with disloyalty to Virginia.

in the Committee had not been violated in this Instance but still flatter myself when I assure them on my Honour had I it in my power would supply them first with another Hhd. in the room of that as I understand that is the intention of detaining of it and if they will allow it to be put on board the little Sloop and she to take in some of my Effects to be removed I will send another Hhd. in its room I should have no scruple of doing it first but in this I am overrul'd by a superior power and I give them my Honour it shall be punctually complied with I must beg you'll represent this case to the Committee I have sent you the Hides which you disir'd by Dr. McClurg's George as p'r inclos'd Acc't I hope you'll not fail being here by next Monday Morning as the Governor has determined to appoint another Officer if you are not here then he would have done it long ago if I had [not] interfer'd in your behalf I am really much surprized that I should have met with such treatment from my Countrymen at Hampton when I am sure they have never had the least reason to think me Inimical to the Cause of my Country but in every instance as far as I could consistent with the Office I hold shews myself as much a Friend as any of them except I had given that Office up which I believe there is not a Man in the Colony would have done when those who could have lived independent of it which I am sure I could not.

We have nothing new since I last wrote you but the pass at the Great Bridge strongly fortified and I believe every Man in this County Princess Anne and a great many from the Isle of White and Nansemond and large bodies from the adjoining parts of Carolina daily coming in to the Governor for Protection which has entirely chang'd the face of affairs here which encouraged them to think they can with the assistance of the Kings Ships and Forces here withstand the whole united Force of the rest of the Colony but as to this it's not for me to give my opinion upon I forgot to mention that there are also many from Maryland come in. My Compliments to Mrs. Selden &c.

And God grant us some happy Change.

And remain Dear Sir

Yours very Sincerely

CARY MITCHELL.

[Written below]

Our Committee never consented to Mr. Mitchel's Effects being carried to Norfolk or Portsmouth, but positively forbad it Notwithstanding several Attempts were made to take them off secretly and the Skipper of the above mentioned Vessel tho' the Bearer of the Original of which this is a Copy expressly sent for Mitchel's Effects on Oath denied the Whole Truth and declared his Business was of a very different Nature.

I am &c.,

W. R. W. CURLE.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

EARLY SETTLERS IN GREENBRIER COUNTY.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF DR. THOMAS WALKER.

Dr. Thomas Walker, of Albemarle County, was one of the first men to make a trip into, what is now, the State of Kentucky. In going there he went from Charlottesville, by way of what are now Roanoke, Salem, Wytheville, in Virginia, to the Holstein River, thence through the Cumberland Gap to what is now Barbourville, in Kentucky, thence to and up Rock Castle River, and in returning by way of New River, thence up the Greenbrier and Anthony's Creek, crossing over to Jacksons River in the lower edge of Bath County, to Hot Springs, thence to Panther Gap, near Goshen, on to Staunton. He left home March 6, 1749 (old style), really 1750 (new Style) and reached home July 13th, 1750. He was accompanied on this trip by Ambrose Powell, the surveyor of Culpeper County, William Tomlinson, then of Virginia, afterwards a prominent citizen of Kentucky, Colby Chew, member of a distinguished family in Orange County, Va., Henry Lawless and John Hughes.